

TOWN BOARD

The Town Board, Town of Highlands, held a meeting on Monday, May 23, 2016 at Town Hall, 254 Main St, Highland Falls, NY at 7:00pm.

PRESENT:	Mervin R. Livsey	----	Supervisor
	William Edsall	----	Council Member
	Tyrone King	----	Council Member
	June Gunza	----	Council Member
	Adrienne T. Voltaire	----	Council Member
	Justin Rider	----	Counsel
	June Patterson	----	Town Clerk

Supervisor Livsey opened the meeting at 7:00pm.

Supervisor Livsey announced the passing of Claudette Smedman a long-time Crossing Guard for the Town.

MINUTES

Council Member Edsall made a motion seconded by Council Member King to accept the minutes from the May 9 Town Board meeting as prepared by the Town Clerk.

MOTION CARRIED: **4-eyes (Livsey, Edsall, King, Gunza)**
 0-nays
 1-abstention (Voltaire)

PUBLIC COMMENT

Barbara Mennite made an announcement that there is a \$10 million grant available through the Mid-Hudson Region Economic Counsel for Downtown Revitalization. Ms. Mennite is asking the Board to support this and said, if the Village is selected for an interview, they would need a letter of support from the Town.

Council Member Edsall made a motion seconded by Council Member Voltaire to authorize Supervisor Livsey to sign a letter of support when needed.

MOTION CARRIED: **5-eyes (Livsey, Edsall, King, Gunza, Voltaire)**
 0-nays

Ann Scott asked the Board to look at the Code pertaining to Mobile Homes. Ms. Scott said the RV's are bringing families to the area and it is just a temporary situation.

COMMUNICATIONS

Supervisor Livsey had no communications.

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FINANCIAL

Accounts Payable

Supervisor Livsey said the total amount paid was \$105,440.17.

BOARD REPORTS

Council Member Voltaire

Council Member Voltaire announced that there will be a free rabies clinic in Woodbury on June 11.

Council Member Gunza

Council Member Gunza stated that a \$10,000 Byrne grant has been received for the Police Department.

Council Member Gunza reported that the Town of Highlands' portion of the Hazard Mitigation plan is here for review. Ms. Gunza said comments are due back by June 2.

Council Member Gunza said there will be a Memorial Day service on May 30 at 9am at Memorial Park.

Council Member Gunza reported there will be friendly cannon fire on May 26 from 1-2pm.

Council Member Gunza asked Council Member Edsall if he looked into updating the Building Department fees.

Council Member Edsall said, he believed, that was already done.

Mr. Rider said he wasn't sure those fees were done.

Council Member Gunza said the Town and Village Planning Boards are working with Orange County to streamline the Zoning portion of the codes.

Council Member King

Council Member King reported that the Juneteenth celebration is coming along and encouraged the community to come to Roe Park on June 18.

Council Member Edsall

Council Member Edsall said the Consolidated Committee meeting was postponed.

Council Member Edsall reported that the Building Inspector has contacted Corbin Hill to set up an escrow account. Mr. Edsall also stated that Mr. Terwilliger conducted interviews on Friday and the Board was emailed on this.

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Council Member Edsall said that he is disappointed the way Congress is handling the Zika virus.

Council Member Edsall said he will look into the Building Department fees.

Supervisor Livsey said he and Council Member Gunza will sit with Mr. Terwilliger before a decision is made on which candidate to hire.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Supervisor Livsey said he, Mr. Rider and Council Member Gunza have been working on the Corbin Hill water situation and it looks likely that they will be getting Town water. The Supervisor said the majority of the money will be coming from the Trust.

Mr. Rider said there a lot of questions and a lot to iron out, but it is being pursued.

Supervisor Livsey said there was a Corbin Hill meeting at the Town Hall on Friday.

Supervisor Livsey stated that there are dates that Mine Torne Road will be closed on certain dates and those dates have been posted on Channel 23.

Supervisor Livsey said July 4th is alive and well, but donations are needed.

Supervisor Livsey said the Town received a quote of \$5,000 for Recreation Insurance.

Council Member Voltaire asked if there was coverage now.

Mr. Rider said the present coverage would cover certain things, but might not cover an injured child.

The Board discussed this matter and decided to table it until the next meeting.

Supervisor Livsey said he had some Girl Scouts visit him who are working on the Silver Badge. The Supervisor said they are looking to build a snack shack at Brooks Park.

Supervisor Livsey stated that Mr. Falk and Mrs. Lewis, Girl Scout Leader, are looking into a Major League Baseball grant. The Supervisor said if the grant is awarded, someone will come in and re-do one of our fields.

Recreation Department

Mr. Falk reported that Orange County will be inspecting Long Pond on Thursday and it will be opening on Saturday for weekends.

Mr. Falk said there is a great turnout for the Running Club and Lacrosse.

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Mr. Falk said he has a meeting on Tuesday with the Hudson Valley Food Bank to discuss the Backpack Program for Summer Recreation program. Mr. Falk is hoping, in addition to the backpacks, that bag lunches will be provided to all the participants.

Mr. Falk informed the Board that he might have to cancel Camp Invention. Mr. Falk explained the deadline is Friday and he only has one child registered. Mr. Falk said he will promote it through the week, but if there are not 135 children signed up by Friday, he will have to terminate the contract.

Supervisor Livsey asked Mr. Falk if he made a decision on the Summer Program Director yet.

Mr. Falk said he would decide tomorrow.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Certiorari Settlement - Rasole

Mr. Rider said there were negotiations and a settlement has been reached. Mr. Rider said this settlement has been recommended by the Assessor and he thinks it is a reasonable settlement.

Council Member Gunza seconded by Council Member Voltaire to adopt the resolution to authorize settlement of proceeding under Article 7 of the Real Property Tax Law for the property located at 106-1-22.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED: 5-ayes (Livsey, Edsall, King, Gunza, Voltaire)
0-nays

******RESOLUTION ATTACHED******

Probation Completion

Supervisor Livsey stated that Megan Medley (Ambulance) will complete her probation on May 28th and Frank Scala (Court Officer) will complete his probation on June 30.

Mobile Home Park Code

Supervisor Livsey said the Park regulations say 500 sf of living space. The Supervisor said the Building Inspector had issued a violation and asked that the 5th wheelers be removed. The Supervisor would like the Board to look at, possibly, changing the Zoning to allow them to be there on a temporary basis.

Mr. Rider said they might also be restricted to a certain area of the Park.

Supervisor Livsey said, if a change is proposed, there will need to be a Public Hearing and if residents from Hudson View oppose this, it could impact the Board's decision.

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Ms. Scott said this is a temporary situation and the workers will only be here another couple of months. Ms. Scott believes that these workers benefit the community as a whole.

Council Member Gunza asked about a map of the Park.

Ms. Scott said she just did a new one.

Supervisor Livsey said he needed the map and the permit fee.

Council Member Edsall said he is worried about relaxing the Code. Mr. Edsall said he would like to write quality standards in the Code.

Supervisor Livsey said he would update the Board after he spoke to Mr. Terwilliger.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jim Ramus asked if there was a discussion about capping the wells at Corbin Hill.

Supervisor Livsey said they discussed removing them.

Mr. Ramus asked how much water Corbin Hill would need.

Mr. Rider said they would need 14,000 gallons a day. Mr. Rider said it is important to make sure there is enough water for future projects.

ADJOURN

Council Member King made a motion seconded by Council Member Voltaire to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.

**MOTION CARRIED: 5-ayes (Livsey, Edsall, King, Gunza, Voltaire)
0-nays**

Attest,

RESOLUTION

OF

MAY 23, 2016

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE SETTLEMENT
OF PROCEEDING UNDER ARTICLE 7
OF THE REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW:

RASOLE

SBL #106-1-22

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Council Member **Gunza** moved the following resolution which was seconded by Council Member **Voltaire**.

WHEREAS, Dawn Rasole (“Petitioner”) has instituted proceedings under Article 7 of the Real Property Tax Law by which Petitioner seeks to obtain judicial review and reduction of the assessment of certain real property in the Town of Highlands, Orange County, New York located at 52 Ondaora Parkway, Section 106-Block 1-Lot 22 on the tax assessment rolls for the tax years 2014 and 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Town appraiser Wohl Appraisers and counsel to the Town, Rider, Weiner & Frankel, P.C., have negotiated a settlement of the proceedings with the Petitioner, reducing the assessment level from \$676,600 to \$505,000, the terms of which are to be embodied in a Consent Judgment; and

WHEREAS, the Town’s Assessor concurs with such settlement; and

WHEREAS, after review and discussion, the Town Board has determined it to be in the best interests of the Town to authorize the settlement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board hereby authorizes and directs the Supervisor and Rider, Weiner & Frankel, P.C. to execute and deliver a Consent Judgment and Stipulation of Discontinuance on behalf of the Town; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Rider, Weiner & Frankel, P.C., the Town's Assessor and other officers of the Town are hereby authorized to take such actions and to make, execute and deliver, or cause to be made, executed and delivered, in the name of and on behalf of the Town, all such certificates, documents and papers as may be necessary to effectuate and carry out the settlement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the aforesaid resolutions shall take effect immediately.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call which resulted as follows:

Tyrone King, Councilman	voting	Aye
June Gunza, Councilwoman	voting	Aye
Adrienne T. Voltaire, Councilwoman	voting	Aye
William Edsall, Councilman	voting	Aye
Mervin R. Livsey, Supervisor	voting	Aye

The foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of a resolution duly made, seconded and Adopted at a meeting of the Town Board, Town of Highlands, on May 23, 2016.

June Patterson, Town Clerk